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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION IN SUPPORT OF RCE**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

**Introductory Comments**

Dear Sir/Madam:

This communication is submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed October 12, 2007 (hereinafter "Office Action"). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks to follow.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.